

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 836

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Max Arnold Hill for exemplary service to Blount County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable citizen of Blount County is Max Arnold Hill who, for a number of years, served on the County Commission and was an exemplary citizen and public servant within his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hill was born in Blount County, one of the eight children born to Dave and Ella Hill. His heritage is rich with public service for which multiple members of his family were recognized and heralded; and

WHEREAS, Max Hill attended and graduated from Lanier School in 1960, and, while working in a Washington bank for two years, he attended night school at the University of Virginia; he then returned to Blount County and attended Hiwassee College, where he served on the student council and received an associate's degree in 1964; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Mr. Hill married Janice Ruth Whitehead, with whom he has enjoyed many years of marital bliss, and as the years passed, he established multiple businesses in Blount County, including real estate, construction, and automobile sales; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Mr. Hill pursued a seat and was elected to the Blount County Commission, where he served as a highly competent and influential member until 1990; during which time, he served on the Budget Committee and chaired the County Properties Committee; and

WHEREAS, the tenure of former Commissioner Hill was replete with support for all his endeavors, including: the renovation of facilities and the system-wide budget; industry and economic development in the county and region; adequate and appropriate funding for the county departments' performance of duties to the benefit of Blount Countians; aid-in-home for senior citizens; and the county's premier health care facility, Blount Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, one of the most significant components of Mr. Hill's legacy as a public servant is his deciding vote in 1988 to grant Pellissippi State Community College availability to the abandoned Bungalo School, which made possible the establishment of that higher education institution in Blount County; and

WHEREAS, so pleasing was this accomplishment, that Pellissippi State's administration requested Mr. Hill, his granddaughter, Morgan Hill Cellars, and his colleague, Fred Lawson, to sign the last truss used in the construction of the new campus building; and

WHEREAS, Max Hill served his community in business, as an ardent supporter of education, and with his artistic skills, which are evident in an extensive number of rock walls in various locations of interest within Blount County; and

WHEREAS, Max Hill was instrumental in making many improvements and securing aid for his home county, and it is fitting that this legislative body recognize his remarkable public service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Max Arnold Hill of Blount County for his praiseworthy service to his fellow citizens and extend to him our best wishes for success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.